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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ICCS FINANCES

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1. DURING AND AFTER DELIVERY OF LAST CHECK FOR US CONTRIBUTION TO ICCS, WE CARRIED OUT DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS IN REFTEL BY ORALLY INFORMING DIRECTOR GENERAL AND SENIOR MEMBERS OF FOUR DELEGATIONS OF OUR POSITION ON DISBURSING OF US FUNDS AND NON-WITHDRAWAL FROM TEAM SITES. ACTING DIRECTOR GENERAL KHAZENI AND IRANIAN AMBASSADOR SADRI NOTED THERE SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM IN PRACTICE SINCE FUNDS FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF DELEGATIONS WOULD COME FROM GVN CONTRIBUTION AND ICCS HAS ESTABLISHED PATTERN OF GIVING PRIORITY TO PAYMENT OF ESSENTIAL CONTRACTOR SERVICES AND SALARIES AND LOCAL SALARIES. POLISH AMBASSADOR FIJALKOWSKI LISTENED ATTENTIVELY BUT NOTED THAT ICCS HAD SET FORTH ITS POSITION ON RETAINING CONTROL OF DISTRIBUTION OF ITS OWN FUNDS IN ITS NOTE TO US OF JULY 18 (SAIGON 9572). HUNGARIAN DCM GAL COMPLAINED THAT UNDER PRACTICE OF GIVING PRIORITY TO PAYMENTS TO CONTRACTORS, DELEGATIONS ARE BEING MADE
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TO FOOT A DISPROPORTIONATE PART OF THE BILL WHILE ICCS FUNDS GO TO

SWELL CORPORATE COFFERS IN USA. EMBOFF REPLIED THAT LARGE PART OF PAYMENTS TO AIR AMERICA AND PA&E ARE FOR THEIR LOCAL PAYROLLS.

2. EMBOFF INFORMED GAL THAT IT IS COMMON KNOWLEDGE THAT WITHIN THE COMMISSION THE HUNGARIANS USED THE FINANCIAL CRISIS TO PRESS FOR EARLIEST DATE FOR EVACUATION OF ALL TEAM SITES AT A TIME WHEN EVEN THE POLES WERE OFFERING THEIR COOPERATION IN THE EFFORT TO KEEP THEM OPERATIONAL. GAL DENIED THAT THE HUNGARIANS WERE OUT IN FRONT ON THIS ISSUE, AND INSISTED THAT THEIR ONLY CONCERN WAS THE WELFARE OF THEIR PERSONNEL IN POSTS ABOUT TO BE DEPRIVED OF ALL NECESSARY FACILITIES.

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